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LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disaster Management Committee set up by the Government has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main re-commendations of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has suggested insurance cover for citizens of some particular areas likely to be affected by natural calamities like earthquake, cyclone, flood prone areas etc;

(d) if so, the number of recommendations accepted by the Government;

(e) whether the Government propose to make a perspective action plan to detect earthquakes and floods; and

(f) if so, the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): No Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e) & (f): At present there is no scientific technique available anywhere in the world which can predict earthquakes with a reasonable degree of accuracy in space, time and magnitude. In case of floods, however a flood-forecasting structure, in the form of 157 Flood Forecasting Stations, exists in the country under the Central Water Commission,which claims 97% accuracy in flood forecasting by this network.